

TEA AT THE BAR.

THE NEW TEMPERANCE SALOON
OPENED IN ALLEN-ST.

AN INTERPRET TO COMBAT THE EVIL OF RUM-
SHOPS—ITS OPENING EFFORTS SUCCESSFUL.

The tea saloon, which was opened at No. 76 Allen-st. last week, under the auspices of the Church Army, is the first of its kind in New-York, but if it accomplishes all that its pro-

demonstrate that tea and coffee could reclaim criminals.

The opinion of members of the medical profession was asked, and many letters approving the movement were received, among which was the following from Dr. George F. Shady:

In answer to your request for my opinion on your tea reform movement, I beg to say that it strongly commends itself for practical trial from many points of view.

First—It will doubtless tend to lessen the evils of intemperance by substituting an innocent and harmless stimulating beverage for the different forms of alcoholic liquors now so commonly used.

Sixth—The essential elements are easily obtained by a very simple method of pouring hot water upon the leaves. Tea should always be freshly made, and never warmed over or stewed for any time over a fire, as by such means all the really deleterious properties of the herb are extracted.

The tea saloon has two bars. These are at either side of the entrance. The counters are made of light hardwood, are nicely polished, but contain none of the ordinary bar fixtures, and instead of these there are sugar bowls, cream pitchers and dainty glass dishes with sliced lemons. The bar to the left as one enters is

"Come Again," and the men who act as waiters endeavor to make their guests feel that the invitation is more than an empty phrase.

Back of the saloon is the mission meeting room, where workers in the cause conduct sessions every evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. "The average attendance at our meetings," said Colonel Hadley, "is about fifty, and, with the tea bar in working operation, this number will soon become much larger. The place has more regular customers already than any other bar in the neighborhood. It is our object to break down the practice of sending the tin pail to the saloon for beer, and to get the beer drinkers to take tea instead. Aside from the fact that the change will benefit the people morally, it will give them money for other and better uses. Tea is nourishing and quenches thirst; beer and strong drinks irritate and inflame and create rather than quench thirst."

In order to show the practical working of the tea mission the managers of the scheme have a plan for saving the money which under ordinary conditions would go for beer. Many tenement-house dwellers spend about 24 cents a day for beer, that is, a pint three times a day. "This little sum," said Colonel Hadley, "adds up \$87.60 a year. We want to keep that sum out of the rumshops and lay it away for the people."

The saloon has been open only a few days, but it has already a great many regular customers. They came there timidly at first, and ordered their tea in an apologetic way, but the timidity wears off after a few visits, and men who went regularly to the barrooms of that part of the city now go to the tea saloon, get their cup of tea and seem to enjoy the change. Many of those who enter the place simply for the purpose of drinking tea are attracted by the music in the back room and remain for service, and others who go there to take part in the service become customers at the tea bar before they go away.

There are twelve furnished rooms on the upper floors of the house, and these are rented "to such people as are desirable" at the rate of \$1 a week. "The saloon is open every day from 6 a. m. to midnight," said one of the promoters of the enterprise, "and we think it is the only saloon to which an invitation to come early and stay late will receive the indorsement of wives and children."

THE "HOLY DOOR"

From The London Mail.

At long intervals of time the Pope sets aside a year which is specially proclaimed as a "holy year." During this period the pilgrimages to Rome are larger and more important than at any other time.

A "holy year," in fact, means a year in which vast numbers of pilgrims from all parts of the world travel to Rome to worship at St. Peter's and to receive the special blessing of the Sovereign Pontiff.

Next year has just been proclaimed "holy" by the Pope, in order to signalize the dawn of the new century.

On December 25, 1890, the new consecrated



THE CHURCH ARMY TEA SALOON AT NO. 76 ALLEN-ST.

moters expect of it there will be more places of a similar kind in various parts of the city. The saloon is in a house which was a low resort until five months ago, when the Church Army secured a lease of three years on the place. The house is in the heart of the "red light" district. It had its bar where the representatives of the lowest element of the East Side community congregated, and where children and women came with "growlers" at all hours of the day and night, which they carried away full of bad beer to the neighboring tenement houses. In the upper part of the house there were rooms devoted to gambling. Between these and the ground floor there were secret means of communication, so that the occupants might be warned in case the police appeared on the scene.

"It was a vile resort in every respect," said Colonel Hadley, the lay director of the Church Army, "and did incalculable harm. We took the place five months ago, ripped it to pieces, made it attractive with fresh paint and clean floors, and established our headquarters in the stronghold of the enemy. The 'Open Door' was established, and here we received the fallen features who were willing to reform. Here we gave them protection and a cheerful home until a permanent place could be found for them. The sympathy and co-operation of large employers were enlisted, and we received many letters, of which this is a fair sample: 'Whenever you find any who are willing to work, send them to us. As long as we have room we will take them. And from the day they enter our doors their past shall be as a sealed book. No one shall know. They shall be free to begin over again.' The 'Open Door' has swung wide, the Police Department has aided us, and many poor women have taken advantage of its opportunities."

The success of the coffee bar in New-Haven prompted the managers of the "Open Door" to add a similar feature to the Allen-st. place, and the result was the tea saloon, which now occupies the front part of the ground floor. In a letter on the subject of the coffee bar the Rev. Clarence Wyatt Bispham, of New-Haven, wrote a few days ago:

The coffee bar in New-Haven has been in existence for the last two years. It was first placed on Temple-st., between two saloons, one of which had to move, and the other acknowledged that the coffee bar took away one-third of its business.

At least two hundred and fifty men a day were seen there, and of that number two hundred belonged to the "saloon class." It is the best and most practical temperance argument that I know of. Hot and good coffee and tea—the kind that is served at the Church Army coffee bar—are the counter-irritants to the "hot drink" of the saloon.

If the coffee bar and tea saloon could be placed in the business thoroughfares and haunts of vice, it would drive out the saloon, and

Second—Tea, being a transiently diffusible drink, is, when used in moderation, not likely to injuriously affect the system or cripple any of the vital organs.

Third—Even when taken between meals, and

known as the "hot bar." There hot tea is dispensed, while on the other side the patrons who prefer the cold beverage are served. A sign over the hot bar reads:



THE BARS OF THE TEA SALOON.

when the stomach is empty, it is the least harmful of all stimulating beverages.

Fourth—The exact contrary is the case with spirituous liquors, which always have a direct and hurtful effect upon the stomach, especially when the latter is empty.

Fifth—Every possible bad effect from moderate and habitual tea drinking can be obviated by making the infusion properly.

Hot or iced tea, served at bar.....1 cent.
Best tea, with cream and sugar.....2 cents.
Russian tea, with sugar and lemon.....2 cents.
Best tea, cold or hot, with pie, cake or sandwich.....6 cents.

Over the door in large letters are the words

year of the Roman Catholic Church will begin, and the curious ceremony of opening the "Holy Door" will be performed by the Pope in person.

The door is only opened in a holy year, and all pilgrims who desire to profit by the plenary indulgence of the Pope will be obliged to pass through it.

At the end of 1900—the Jubilee year—the Pope will close the door again.